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RE: Public Records Request Received June 4, 2019 (DOJ PRA 2019-01316)  
- Anonymous Person

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is in response to your request which was received by the California Department of Justice on June 4, 2019, in which you sought various records under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code, § 6250 et seq.). You stated the request was a follow-up to your previous request (received by the Department on April 29, 2019 (DOJ PRA 2019-01000)). Specifically, you requested:

*We will ask that you perform the following query or similar for your central email server for Part 1 requests: (from:"Donald Trump") OR (to:"Donald Trump") OR (cc:"Donald Trump") OR (bcc: "Donald Trump") OR (from: "Barack Obama") OR ... etc. etc.*

The date to respond to your request was extended to June 28, 2019, by letter sent to your email address on June 14, 2019.

To the extent your request seeks confidential law enforcement records of the Attorney General, the records are exempt. Government Code section 6254, subdivision (f) expressly exempts from disclosure investigatory and security files of the Attorney General including complaints about unlawful practices. (See *Dick Williams v. Superior Court* (1993) 5 Cal.4th 337, 354.) Investigative records do not lose their exempt status due to a failure to prosecute, or the close of an investigation. (*Id.* at p. 355 [While there may be reasons of policy that would support a time limitation on the exemption for investigatory files, such a limitation is virtually impossible to reconcile with the language and history of subdivision (f).])

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Our search has identified records responsive to your request. Our search for and review of responsive records is ongoing. We reserve the right to assert other exemptions as we continue reviewing the records. Records that are not exempt from disclosure under the Act will be provided to you by an estimated date of August 30, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deborah C. Yang', with a stylized flourish at the end.

DEBORAH C. YANG  
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For XAVIER BECERRA  
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